

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA I (Youbou/Meade Creek) PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2009

TIME: 7:00pm

MINUTES of the Electoral Area I Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time at Youbou Lanes, Youbou, BC. Called to order by chair at 7:09pm.

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Marcia Stewart

Vice-chairperson:

Members: Dan Nickel, Wayne Palliser, Gerald Thom

ALSO PRESENT:

Director:

Alternate Director:

Secretary: Tara Daly

Guests:

REGRETS: Dave Charney, Director Klaus Kuhn, Vice-chairperson Sheny Gregory, Alternate Director Alex Marshall

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded to accept the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of May 19, 2009 be accepted with the correction of 'bring the' instead of 'be'.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

- **Mile 77 Park** ~ contractor hasn't been emptying garbage, G. Thom mentioned that watering twice a week on the new plantings around the font board seems to be okay

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- None

COWICHAN LAKE RECREATION

- **Youbou Regatta** is on August 8th ~ L. Backlund will be phoning to set up volunteers for cooking
- **National Parks Day** ~ July 18th ~ wondering if Commission wished to do anything, members present thought there was being enough done in our parks at this point
- **Summer PlayBook** is out

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- **Plant Identification at Price Park** was a success, thanks to Alex and Diane Marshall for letting the group use their beach to enjoy their refreshments, also thanks to G. Thom for supplying the beverages and W. Palliser for put up directional signs
- **Domestic garbage pick-up** was discussed, the conclusion being that weekly pick-ups should be determined by weather conditions not June 15th to September 15th

- M. Stewart picked up `Bear Awareness` pamphlets that she will have laminated and then they will be placed on the kiosks/ porta potty surrounds/ posts at Nantree Park, Marble Bay Park, Spring Beach, Mile 77 Park, Price Park, Swordfern Park, Arbutus Park, Hard Hat Shack, and bulletin board at the Community Hall

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

- **Mile 77 Park** – irrigation around font board: connection will be paid for by Engineering, Parks will need to purchase a double check water valve, irrigation head, and pipe; should be installed in no longer than two (2) weeks – it isn't felt the planting around the font board were native, W. Palliser will build a box around the fire hydrant for protection from gravel/dirt washing down during rains; there is no ventilation in the washrooms; a couple of days of broom clearing has been done at Mile && Park with R. Lendrum noting W. Palliser's efforts at clearing the broom – the Natural Society claims the way to be rid of broom is to cut down to the ground and then bury it, repeating as necessary
- **Little League Park** toilet is repaired, it's necessary to hold the handle down for a few seconds to allow it to flush properly, CVRD staff will ask O. Smycniuk, plumber, to have a look – contractor will insure grass cutting on Tuesdays in time for the ball game, Ben Wingo will be opening and closing the washrooms
- **Woodland Shores** – the Scout Camp is almost complete; Waterfront Park has the picnic shell built with the washrooms at 50% completion; commission felt that swim floats should be put in now to prevent boats from accessing the swimming area hoping to alleviate future problems; planting will be done on the Southern Playfield in the fall; formal opening won't be until Spring 2010
- **Nantree Park** – there is still no ladder on the swim float, a pool ladder isn't long enough for the wharfs, there should be at least one more rung
- **Washroom buildings** – the walkway around the building should be two (2) or three (3) inches lower than the washroom floor allowing for water and/or snow build-up and/or melting and ventilation should be allowed for in all new washroom facilities
- **Arbutus Park** digger has been removed for safety, the perimeter has been raised around the playground at Arbutus as well as the one at Little League Park

OLD BUSINESS

- **Mile 77 Park Bridge** – retaining wall cost was \$1 328.49 with Engineering willing to pay half but the Commission feels they should pay all of the costs as it was them that approved the bridge; there is a sag in the middle of the bridge, G. Thom will use a string line for comparison over the next while; W. Palliser and G. Thom have been piling rocks against the cement on the east side and are slowly moving rocks on the west side to open up the water trough
- **Picnic** on June 14th – M. Stewart will bring juice, table & prizes, G. Thom will pick up wieners, buns, and condiments from Country Grocer (Lake Cowichan) and deliver to M. Stewart, W. Palliser will bring a barbeque, T. Daly will bring game supplies
- **Park Walkabout** with Contractor will be done in the fall
- **Youbou Lands** – no update

NEW BUSINESS

- **Price Park** – buoy system should be put in place to deter boat traffic, a certain colour designates swimming area and no boats allowed; several pickets on the bridge are either missing or loose; CVRD staff notes that the lifespan of the bridge is almost up and there are plans to replace it next year (2010) but repairs will be completed – concrete structure with wooden handrails and pickets would have a 50 year lifespan compared to fifteen for a wooden structure, building would be done in the June to September Fisheries window
- **Nantree Park** – a dinghy was seen tied up on the west side of the boomsticks indicating the probability of someone tying a larger boat there and using the dinghy for transportation to shore

- **Capital Projects for next year** – currently identified are Price Park bridge, Arbutus irrigation, and Mile 77 bridge (if necessary)
- **Budget questions** – advertising is at 292% at the end of April at a cost of \$1469 with the budget amount set at \$500, Miscellaneous Equipment is at \$10 742.81 YTD with the budget amount set at \$8161, and Community Parks General Expenses is at 101% of the budget amount – Commission again discussed their need to have a breakdown of expenditures, receipts from work done, more transparency so that intelligent decisions can be made at budget discussions
- **Ball Schedules** – will be emailed out to everyone
- discussion was held on the boat launch at Woodland Shores, rumours have the position changed from where the developer had proposed

It was Moved and Seconded by the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission that the proposed new positioning of the boat launch and the parking lots at Woodland Shores is not acceptable to the Commission as it is an imminent danger for swimmers and run-off from the parking lots could put surrounding wetlands in danger

AND THAT

It would have been appropriate for the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) Parks Commission and the Area I (Youbou/Meade Creek) APC to be made aware of these changes, as they are deemed significant.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

July 14, 2009

7pm at Youbou Lanes

M. Stewart will be away so Vice-chair S. Gregory will be taking the meeting

/s/ Tara Daly
Secretary